

The Early Bird Pre-School CIC Newsletter



December 2021



Term	Dates	Half Term	Setting Closed **
Autumn 2021	Mon 6 th Sept – Thurs 16 th Dec	25 th – 29 th Oct	Thurs 2 nd Sept – open morning (for new starters only) Fri 3 rd Sept – closed, staff training
Spring 2022	Weds 5 th Jan – Fri 1 st April	14 th -18 th Feb	Mon 3 rd Jan – closed, bank holiday Tues 4 th Jan – closed, staff training Weds 2 nd March – closed, staff training
Summer 2022	Tues 19 th Apr– Thurs 14 th July	30 th May – 3 rd June	Mon 2 nd May – closed, bank holiday Fri 17 th June – closed, Standalone Farm visit

Dates for your diary:

Autumn Term 2021

➤ Friday 17th December 9.30am-1.30pm

Christmas Trail (Please attend at allocated time only)

Spring Term 2022

➤ Thursday 3rd March

World Book Day – dress up as book character

➤ Monday 4th-Friday 8th April

Easter Holiday Club

Summer Term 2022

➤ Friday 17th June

Morning visit to Standalone Farm (setting closed)

➤ Friday 15th July

Summer Party

➤ 25th July – 5th August

Summer Holiday Club



The Early Bird Pre-School CIC latest news . . .



It has been a lovely and busy end to 2021 here at Early Birds!

We have enjoyed welcoming some visitors to the setting this term. Our local PCSOs, Hannah and Katie spoke to the children about how they work hard to keep us all safe. The children asked lots of questions and loved trying on their police hats! They will be returning soon with their police car. Sharan visited to talk to the children about the origins of Diwali and how it is celebrated. They had lots of fun dancing to traditional music and playing musical instruments.

To mark Bonfire Night we toasted marshmallows, a new experience for a lot of the children! We talked about fire safety and who helps us when there is a fire. Last week we carried out our fire drills – all the children did very well. 🍌

Dinosaurs continue to be hugely popular with our Early Birds! The children regularly play with the toy dinosaurs and enjoy role play, there are some great dinosaur roars!

Thank you for your donations to Children in Need, we had a lovely day dressing up in spots and pyjamas and raised £27.

We enjoyed a cold and frosty walk to Morrisons to choose our Christmas tree which now takes pride of place at the setting. Thank you to our parent and grandparent helpers for making this outing possible – we couldn't do it without you. The children have loved exploring the different decorations and making the tree look beautiful

Our Early Birds have been very busy making and baking! We have made bread rolls, sourdough and salt dough decorations. We are planning to make mince pies and jam tarts too!

Please remember our last day of term is Thursday 16th December. The Christmas Trail is Friday 17th December. There are no normal sessions that day so please only come for your time slot.





Enter the #easyfundraising Advent Calendar! You could WIN a £250 donation EVERY day for Early Birds - Letchworth until Christmas. For each day you enter, you'll also get a FREE entry into the Christmas Day Grand Prize Draw for £1,000 to spend at John Lewis & Partners and a £10,000 donation for us! Visit: <http://efraising.org/NaBwe7mlyl>

Donations

Thank you to those of you who have donated to our collection for St Catherine's Care Home. Our 'Kindness Elves' will be delivering the gifts on Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you also for all the Christmas decorations we have received – the children have loved re-using these resources!



School Reception Places Don't Forget to apply!

If your child was born between September 2017 and August 2018, they will be moving to school reception in September 2022. The deadline for on-time applications is

Saturday 15th January 2022. Click on the link below for more information [school admissions](#)

Please Shut the Gate!

Please remember to shut the gate into the car park when you enter or leave the premises to keep the children safe.

We have put up new signs as a reminder.



Illness

Please keep your child at home if they are too unwell to enjoy the session. We appreciate this is not always easy to gauge, so please do make sure you keep your phone with you in the event that we need to call you to collect your child.

COVID if your child displays any COVID symptoms (cough, temperature, change to taste/smell) please keep them away from the setting and arrange a PCR test.

Sickness and/or diarrhoea – your child must stay at home for 48 hours *after* the last episode.

High temperature – please keep at home for 48 hours after a high temperature and arrange a PCR test

Antibiotics If your child has been prescribed antibiotics please keep them at home for the first 24 hours while taking them to ensure there are no adverse reactions

Existing Injuries

If your child has an injury before the session please ask for an Existing Injuries form. It's very important we know about bumps to the head too so we can look out for signs of concussion

Contact Numbers

It is really important that we are able to contact you while your child is with us if necessary. Please make sure you notify us if you change your number and keep your phone with you.

And finally we would like to say a big THANK YOU

for your co-operation, support and understanding throughout 2021 to keep us all safe. We are very proud that (apart from one week in January) we have managed to stay open, despite the constant challenges thrown at us all by COVID!

Going forward into the new year, please remember to wear a face covering when entering the premises and keep your children at home if they are poorly.



We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

**We look forward to seeing you all again in 2022!
We re-open for normal sessions on Wednesday 5th January**



The Early Bird Pre-School CIC team

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